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GILBERT MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN MAIL FRAUD CASE

PHOENIX -- Ingo Melvin Rewald, 50, of Gilbert, Ariz., pleaded guilty here in federal district court on April 14, 2005 to Mail Fraud, in violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1341.

Rewald admitted that from 1998 until 2003 he ran three companies, Adventure-Time-Marketing, TimeShares-R-US and Condos-R-US, as part of a scheme to defraud owners of timeshare properties. Rewald said he contacted owners of time share properties and, using an assumed name, falsely advised them that he had a ready, willing and able buyer for their time shares. Rewald charged the owners \$395 for his services and received the potential sellers' money via wire transfer or mail. He acknowledged that he used post office box addresses to thwart the sellers' attempt to locate him. More than 250 people were defrauded as a result of the scheme, and Rewald admitted receiving more than \$200,000 from the potential sellers.

A conviction for Mail Fraud carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both. Sentencing is set before Judge Frederick J. Martone on July 5, 2005.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. The prosecution is being handled by Richard I. Mesh, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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